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Memo ~~25X1A~~ Accord:

By: M [redacted] Historical Staff

Subject: Request for guidance in searching certain historical records relating to OSS, 1941-42

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1. Telephone call to me from [redacted] OSS Archives Section of DD/P (in R&S Bldg., ext. 2471), at 9:45 a.m. today. She asked me for any suggestions which might help her to locate certain wartime correspondence, 1941-42, between General Donovan and President Roosevelt, missing from the OSS files in CIA/DDP custody; this correspondence is wanted by the State Department Historical Staff, which is writing a history of the wartime inter-allied conferences. \*

2. From memory, I discussed four possibilities that might be very profitable to pursue:

a. President Roosevelt's extensive correspondence files in the FDR Library, Hyde Park, N.Y. (under the U.S. National Archives), where I was chief editor and acting director in 1947-~~50~~ 48.

b. The Army Air Forces World War II historical records collections, in the custody of the Army AGO, which I used extensively in researches in 1942-46 and which I superintended as chief archivist of AGO in 1948-50;

c. The JIC/JCS files for 1941-42, which I used in research during and after the war and which today are in the custody either of the Army ~~AGO~~ AGO (above) or ~~now~~ of the JCS Secretariat.

d. General Donovan's personal collection of OSS records, library material, and museum material, which are in his personal possession in NY City but which, I urged, CIA and DDP/SSU ought to take definite legal steps to recover, in behalf of the integrity of the OSS archives.

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3. [redacted] (who has been very helpful to us on past occasions) seemed very appreciative of these suggestions.

4. I ~~25X1A~~ <sup>her chief,</sup> no more calls on this, although she said that, "Mr. SSU" in O/DDP ([redacted]) might call us further.

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\* Relating <sup>particularly</sup> to the so-called "Arcadia conference" with Churchill <sup>et al.</sup> about Dec. 1941, and a later